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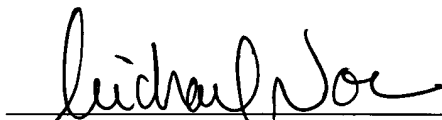
Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Noe", written over a horizontal line.

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